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THOUGHT FOR TODAY—If there is a lesson more essential than any other for this country to learn, it is the lesson that the enjoyment of rights should be made coincident with the performance of duty.

—THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Rush of Disclaimers

What influence the so-called Better School Committee will have on the coming April city council elections — or better schools, for that matter — remain to be seen.

One influence, however, is quite evident today — the group and its college student leader, Henry Carreiro, has stirred most local Democratic Party officials and many of its stronger supporters throughout Torrance into a frantic rush to issue disclaimers for any Democratic party support of the organization.

In statements issued over the name of young Mr. Carreiro, a student at a Long Beach college, it has been indicated that the demands for a city council-sponsored investigation into the city's school system was being instigated by the Torrance Young Democrats.

Disclaimers, written and spoken, have come from Thirvin Fleetwood, vice president of the 68th Assembly District Democratic Council, Mayor Albert Isen, Attorney John Barton, and others.

Officials report that the "Torrance Young Democrats" of which Carreiro claims to be president has no status with the local Democratic Party, is not a chartered Democratic Party organization, and is not recognized by the county or state central committees.

"While the group can use almost any name it chooses, the people should know that as an organization it has absolutely no affiliation in any way with the Democratic Party," the HERALD was told.

From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

Editor, Torrance Herald On Feb. 8, when the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its 50th birthday, more than five million men and boys in Scouting throughout the country will celebrate this Golden Jubilee.

The free world's largest youth organization, with a "Handbook" outsold only by the Holy Bible, has touched the lives of more than thirty-three million American men.

Half a century of serving boys has been possible only because of active public support of the Scouting Program. The 20,000 registered volunteer leaders of the Los Angeles Area Council appreciate the great interest you have shown in Scouting, and your continued support of our local Boy Scout program.

It's always nice to be able to say 'thanks' and especially to you as Scouting begins another half century of service to boys.

/s/ Cdr. A. F. Benschheid District Chairman Harbor District

Editor, Torrance Herald Enclosed is a letter which I sent to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, today.

Dear Dr. Hull: Having noted that certain persons have been using the Democratic party's name to attack our Torrance schools, I felt that I could no longer keep quiet on the matter.

First, let me assure you that these people do not represent the Democratic party in Torrance. I have discussed this attack on the schools with all of the Democratic clubs and many Democratic leaders in Torrance. They share with me the belief that this unwarranted attack on our schools has done harm and reflected badly on the Democratic Party.

Let me reassure you that the responsible citizens of our city, of both parties, have the highest regard for the excellent school system which you head.

In conclusion, I believe that our school system is not an issue in the city race and that anyone who attempts to use it as such is merely trying to create a false issue on which to gain publicity.

So that those of you who do not know of my efforts in the Democratic Party, I might briefly remind you that I am the past campaign manager for Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, 68th A.D. campaign manager for Attorney General Stanley Mosk, past president of South Torrance Democrats, delegate to State Convention, and past member of the 68th Democratic Assembly Council, remain

I want to take an opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the consideration you gave in printing the articles that were submitted to you concerning the recent "Toys for Tots" Drive that was held by local Marine Reserve Units; the 5th Communications Company, the 15th Rifle Company, and the Marine Air Reserve Training Detachment, Los Amamos.

As a result of this drive, there were approximately 40,000 new or good usable toys distributed to the needy children in the Long Beach and Orange County area. We could not have accomplished this without your cooperation in publicizing our drive.

Worthy of notice is the outstanding community participation in this drive by the Boy and Girl Scouts, local businessmen, and other civic groups.

Thank you again for your fine cooperation in this joint community endeavor.

/s/ JOHN J. HESS Major, U.S. Marine Corps Inspector-Instructor

Editor, Torrance Herald As a city of 100,000 people, and many more who come to Torrance to shop, there are three very important things the city lacks, even though it is one of the All-America cities:

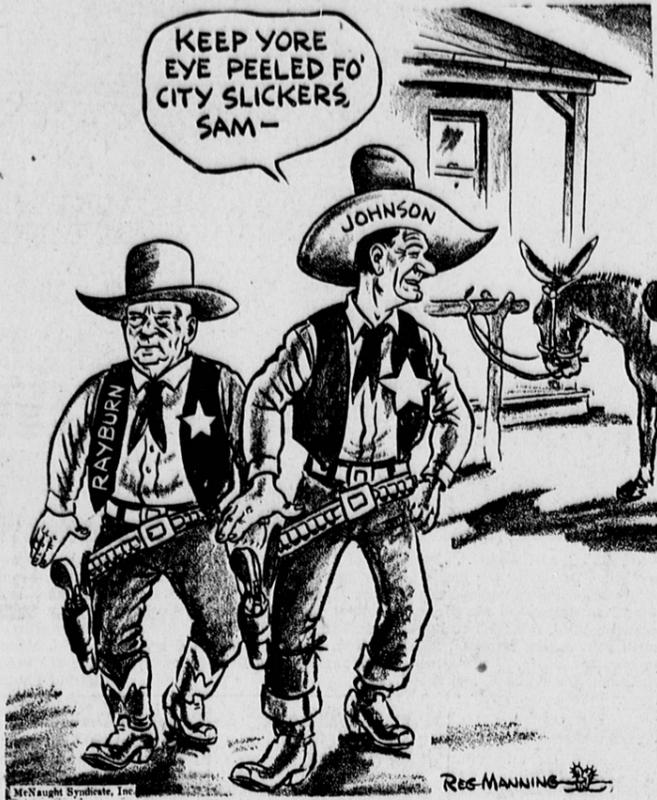
(1) It lacks a decent bus station. It consists of an open triangle shaped lawn with only a few benches without protection from rain or hot sun except for a few trees.

(2) Since the Civic Auditorium has been torn down, no rest rooms are available for Mr. and Mrs. John Public.

(3) One of the most run-down, smallest, and out of date Post Offices I have ever seen in any city.

Wake up city officials. MRS. BESSIE McCLURE Torrance

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Public Betrayed Again In Ruling on Obscenity

By CHARLES E. CHAPPEL 46th Assembly District

Obscene literature is one of the subjects about which I receive a vast amount of mail from church leaders and women's clubs in Inglewood, Westchester, Playa del Rey, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, the Hollywood Riviera section of the City of Torrance, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Portuguese Bend, and Santa Catalina Island, as well as San Pedro, Wilmington, Gardena, and adjacent areas.

Ordinarily, I confine this column to State laws and California court decisions, but obscene literature is controlled by both State and Federal laws and courts.

The United States Supreme Court on Dec. 14, 1959, ruled that a book dealer cannot be convicted for selling an obscene book unless the prosecution proves that the book seller knew that the book was obscene.

In this ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court held that a Los Angeles City ordinance which made it a crime for a bookseller to have an obscene book in his store, whether he

knew its contents or not, is null and void.

This decision reversed the conviction and 30-day jail sentence of a Los Angeles man who was arrested in 1956 for having in his store a copy of a novel called "Sweetener Than Life," written by Mark Tyson, published by the Vixen Press of New York. The U.S. Supreme Court did not decide whether the book is obscene or not, although Justice William O. Douglas was reported as describing the book as "very repulsive to me."

Strangely enough, all nine members of the U.S. Supreme Court agreed that the conviction of the book seller should be reversed, although there was dispute among the justices as to the reason for reversal.

Justice William J. Brennan Jr., whom I know to be a decent, religious man, wrote the official opinion of the court. In addition, there were four other opinions.

Justice Hugh L. Black said that the U.S. Constitution's protection of free speech bars a restriction of obscenity.

Justice William O. Douglas said that no obscene writing or speech could be prescribed unless it was definitely and closely tied to "illegal action."

Justice Felix Frankfurter said that the opinion of Justice Brennan was too vague as to the kind of proof needed to prove a bookseller knew the contents of a book. He said he voted to overthrow the conviction of the lower court because testimony about the book had not been introduced by literary experts, which is curious, because he failed to explain exactly who is a literary expert.

Justice John Marshall Harlan commented that he did not think that expert literary testimony was required in obscenity cases, but he voted to set aside the conviction because the trial court had refused to listen to any evi-

dence pertaining to current moral standards of the American people. This is also startling.

Justice Brennan, in his opinion adopted by the whole court, said that the Los Angeles City ordinance would scare a bookseller that "he will tend to restrict the books he sells to those he has inspected." He said that the bookseller does not have time to read all the books he sells, and that his "inevitable timidity in the face of his absolute criminal liability" would tend to kill books that the Government could not directly outlaw.

Justice Brennan also said that in this case the court would not pass on exactly what kind of proof would be required to prove a book dealer's knowledge of the contents of an obscene book, but that direct, eye-witness proof would not be required and that conclusions could be drawn about the general knowledge a book dealer has of his merchandise.

Justice Douglas said there is "no harm and perhaps some good" in the rule requiring knowledge of the contents of a book. He added: "What the court does today may possibly provide some degree of safeguard to booksellers by making those who patrol book-stalls proceed less high-handed than has been their custom."

Once more, the American people have been betrayed and sold down the river by the United States Supreme Court. If you will carefully read the above quotations, you will see that the Supreme Court is more interested in protecting the traffic in dirty books than it is in protecting the American people against corruption of body, mind and soul.

There is nothing we can do about this except to continue to work in every way possible to drive out of business those who get rich at the expense of our children and our adults who are driven to crime by filthy literature.

Deductions All-Important In Figuring Tax Payment

No. 5 — HOW TO SAVE ON YOUR INCOME TAX (This is the fifth of a series of articles on federal and California income tax filing. This information has been provided by the Committee on Taxation of The California Society of Certified Public Accountants—now observing its 50th Anniversary—in cooperation with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.)

"Deduction" is the taxpayer's favorite word. Every dollar you are able to deduct in figuring our tax puts from 20 cents to 91 cents in your pocket, depending upon the tax bracket you're in.

Medical deductions will be discussed in two subsequent articles. Other deductions may be coming to you if you itemize them (instead of using the short 1040-A Form or the standard 10% deduction on the Federal return, or the optional tax table, or the allowed standard deduction on the California return).

You can deduct contributions to religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational organizations, and to non-profit cemeteries.

Include contributions of goods at their fair value but not your personal services. (Blood donations are regarded as a personal service and not deductible.)

If you contribute stocks, real estate or other property, you can deduct their value at the time of the gift, even if it is considerably more than the original cost to you.

You are ordinarily not permitted to deduct a contribution which you have only pledged and not paid during the tax year.

You can deduct up to 20 per cent of your adjusted gross income for any eligible charitable contributions, and up to 30 per cent if at least 10 per cent was in gifts to religious organizations, schools, hospitals, or the Salvation Army. However, on your California return the limit is never more than 20 per cent.

Interest you pay on personal loans and other indebtedness is deductible. If there is a mortgage on your home, be sure to find out what part of your payments is interest and deduct it on your tax return. The same applies to automobile financing and other installment purchases.

If some of your credit buying involves "carrying charges" instead of specified interest, you are allowed to deduct such charges up to 6 per cent of the average monthly unpaid balance. (The subject of deductible taxes will be discussed at greater length in the next article.)

Most taxes you paid for yourself or a member of your household, except federal taxes, are deductible. However, taxes are not deductible when included in the price and not separately charged to the customer. California income tax is not, of course, deductible on your California

return. If you are a working mother or widower and it was necessary for you to pay someone to care for your child under 12—or for the care of any dependent who was incapacitated—because it was necessary while you were at work, you may be entitled to a "child care" deduction of as much as \$600. Check the instructions to see whether you qualify. This deduction is not allowed on your California return.

Don't overlook deductions for losses due to storms, fires, floods, theft, and accidents not due to your own negligence. The way to figure such

losses is explained in the instructions. Any insurance or other compensation you may have received for the damage must be subtracted from the amount of loss.

Miscellaneous deductions to which you may be entitled include union dues, purchase of necessary tools of your trade, fees to employment agencies, expenses you incurred for the benefit of your employer, and some alimony payments.

The instructions that come with your tax forms give further information. Help is also available from the Internal Revenue Service, which urges you to consult a properly qualified advisor if you need outside assistance.



Statistics are like a Bikini, revealing what is interesting and concealing what is vital.—Dr. Joseph Berkson, Minnesota University scientist.

Pick an age, stick with it, and live accordingly. . . with is a climate of the mind.—Harriett Hilliard Nelson.

Permitting inflation today is robbing the piggy banks of our grandchildren — Adolph J. Ackerman, Wisconsin engineer.

It wasn't really like saying a nasty word. It was an impulse, I guess you call it just one of those things.—Actress Eva Marie Saint after shocking an awards party with what was described as a "nasty word."

Meat Packers Studying Move to Retail Outlets

Meatpacking companies are moving toward setting up their own retail stores. They've asked a Federal court to change old ruling that has kept them from selling directly to Mrs. Homemakers.

Traditionally, companies in most manufacturing industries stay away from retailing because it would offend independent stores and retail chains on whom they depend for consumer sales. And in many fields, such as meat packing, laws prevent outright such competition.

The meat processors' move to compete could be expected to furore the brows of established grocers. But there's been no furor among the latter. One reason they cite: meat packers may find themselves overextended in assuming the burden of owning and running retail stores—it's complex and demanding job these days.

It's also theorized that food shoppers would remain loyal to well-established retail stores whose names are more familiar to them than meat processors' names.

According to Republic's president, Mundy I. Peale, the new center will be available to the Polytechnic staff and students to augment their own research explorations. Peale says his firm views the transaction "not as a gift but as an investment." This is one way he says, to assure a self-perpetuating supply of educated manpower.

Things to come—For camera fans, there's a new "electric eye" (8mm.) camera said to be the first designed to switch to slow motion and back to regular motion without missing a split-second of action. . . to ease morning-after discomfort, one company is introducing a new medicine that depends largely on vitamins for its curative powers; it reportedly contains no drugs. . . Bad news for crab grass: available for early spring use will be a non-poisonous chemical that prevents crab grass from germinating

but does not harm regular grasses.

Grain storage costs—Over a period of many years, at the request of four successive national administrations, operators of commercial grain elevators have invested large sums in facilities for maintaining ever-larger surplus stockpiles. They say they have absorbed losses of millions of dollars annually for grain that has "gone out of condition," and that they often operate with a 75 per cent annual expectancy of filling a particular elevator, even though costs continue at near 100 per cent.

It is this background that causes many of them to object with special vigor to what they call "grossly misleading" evidence of surplus storage costs drawn from "five selected witnesses" by Senate subcommittee headed by Sen. Stuart Symington, consistent critic of administration farm policies.

An economics professor and four Iowa and Nebraska owners of elevators gave Symington's committee cost figures that were well below uniform rates paid by the government for warehousing its grain stocks.

But grain industry spokesmen, none of whom was asked to testify, claim the Committee's investigators obtained their statistics from "isolated situations completely out of keeping with real average costs."

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